Claims

[c1]   A method for identifying a version of a form comprising:

initializing a pointing instrument having a form version database;

determining if the form version database must be updated; and

obtaining form version data from the form; and

determining whether the form is an acceptable version using the form version

database and the form version data.

[c2]   The method of claim 1 wherein the pointing instrument is a digital pen.

[c3]   The method of claim 2 wherein the form version data is obtained by scanning

an RF-ID tag.

[c4]   The method of claim 2 wherein the form version data is obtained by scanning a

bar code.

[c5]   The method of claim 2 wherein the form version data is obtained by obtaining

user stroke data.

[c6]   The method of claim 5 wherein the user stroke data is obtained when the user

traces over a form indicator.

[c7]   The method of claim 6 wherein the form indicator is a serial number pre-

printed ion the form in a dashed font.

[c8]   8. digital pen comprising:

a processor;

a storage device connected to the processor; and

the storage device storing a form version database.